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PRESS RELEASE

MARY JO WHITE, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that the owners and operators of RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL have agreed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") and make the landmark theater accessible to people with disabilities.

The Federal Government obtained comprehensive injunctive relief against RADIO CITY PRODUCTIONS LLC and RCPI TRUST, the owners and operators of RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL, the Manhattan landmark building opened in the 1930s, requiring the defendants to comply with the ADA.

The Government has simultaneously filed, and settled through a Consent Decree, a civil lawsuit brought against the defendants under the ADA. The Consent Decree requires the defendants, without admitting liability, to complete extensive renovations and modifications throughout RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL within one year to correct the violations alleged in the Government's complaint.

Under the terms of the Consent Decree, defendants will install 59 wheelchair and companion seating locations, of which

57 are on the orchestra level. In order to comply with the ADA's requirement that people with disabilities be offered a choice of admission prices comparable to those for members of the general public, the defendants have agreed to sell tickets for 29 wheelchair seating locations on the orchestra level at third mezzanine prices. The defendants also will install 60 aisle-transfer seating locations.

With the installation of these accessible seating locations, RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL will meet ADA standards for accessibility required for newly constructed buildings by making available a number of wheelchair and aisle-transfer seating locations each equal to one percent of its total number of seats. The defendants also have agreed to other changes in their ticketing policy that will allow persons with disabilities a full opportunity to obtain accessible seating.

In addition, the defendants have agreed to modify the following components within RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL: (1) the exterior and interior routes, doors and elevators; (2) service areas such as restrooms, telephones, drinking fountains, concession areas and a ticket window; (3) dressing rooms and adjacent shower/toilet rooms; (4) tour routes; and (5) the Radio City Store. The defendants also will provide 240 assistive listening devices, which can be used by 4% of the audience at one time, and will install ADA compliant alarms and signage throughout the public areas directing patrons with disabilities to accessible routes and service areas.

Ms. WHITE stated: "RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL, a landmark building located in the heart of New York City, has been operating since the 1930s as one of the City's largest live performance theaters and is visited by thousands of New York City residents and tourists each year. The comprehensive corrective steps required by this Consent Decree will ensure that people with disabilities will have an equal opportunity to experience the diverse and spectacular entertainment events offered in this famous hall."

Assistant United States Attorney DEBORAH Y. YEOH is in charge of the case.

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